

Attorney Docket No. 04166/LH

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Shoichi NOMURA et al
Serial No. : 10/802,136
Filed : March 17, 2004
For : IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE
PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE
PROCESSING PROGRAM, AND IMAGE
READING APPARATUS
Art Unit : 2625
Examiner : PARK, CHAN S.
Confirm. No.: 3279

This paper is being
submitted via EFS-Web on
March 31, 2008

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is late filed, and the
necessary petition for
extension of time is not
filed concurrently herewith,
please consider this as a
Petition for the requisite
extension of time, and to
the extent not already paid,
authorization to charge the
extension fee to Account
No. 06-1378. In addition,
authorization is hereby
given to charge any fees for
which payment has not been
submitted, or to credit any
overpayments, to Account No.
06-1378.

RESPONSE- 37 C.F.R. 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 21,
2008, the term for response to which expires on April 21, 2008.

ELECTION

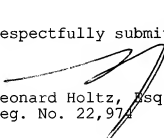
Applicants hereby elect Invention I, claims 1-36, for
further prosecution on the merits, without traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that this submission is fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action.

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If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

Respectfully submitted,



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